



Lightning News for December 3rd – 7th.

Barnhill does their Best! Better Every Single Time.

The theme for the month of December is “Generosity.”

What is generosity? It is the quality of being kind and generous.

“Every minute of every hour of every day you are making the world, just as you are making yourself, and you might as well do it with generosity and kindness and style.”

~ Rebecca Solnit ~

For the safety of our students, your children, we request that everyone sign in to the office. Please also ensure when you leave that you close the door tight behind you. Our building is older and sometimes the door does not close properly. Thank you.

~ Our grade 6 Science classes have been busy preparing for our trip to “The Huntsman” in St. Andrews, as part of our unit on “Diversity of Life.” We have planned a day of learning, and fun at the Huntsman Marine, Blockhouse, and the Bay of Fundy shoreline. Students are to bring their lunch and wear warm clothes. This is a co-curricular event. Four of our grade 6 classes have already gone and enjoyed themselves. Ms. Stout and Mrs. Blanchard’s homeroom classes will be going on Tuesday, December 11th.

At our Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Barnhill Memorial School will have a table with Barnhill swag. We will have water bottles -\$5.00, USB bracelets -\$5.00, lanyards - \$3.00 and cinch bags to keep your gym clothes in for only \$10.00.

Please see the attached poster for the Holiday Fair – we have many local crafters and artisans who will be selling wonderful gifts for the holidays.

Grade 8 Quebec Cultural Trip news update:

The 12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser is going very well. This Christmas raffle is in support of our Quebec Cultural trip. All grade 8 students who are going on the trip will be given the opportunity to sell tickets for this event in order to raise money for their trip. The twelve prizes that have been generously donated include Seadogs tickets, gift cards for Circle K/Irving, Buccaneers restaurant/pub, Sobeys grocery store, movie passes, dinner for two

at the Route #1 Restaurant, a golf pass at the Westfield Golf and Country Club, plus other mystery prizes and gift cards.

The two payments for this trip should now be completed. Please keep up to date with your payments in order for your child to retain their spot for this trip. Please pay through <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>. We do pay an outside travel company for this trip, and we do need to be up to date with our payments. The online system for this payment will be closed by December 31st.

We will be having a presentation on Tuesday, December 4th during second period for all of our grade 8 students who are going on the Quebec Cultural trip. Patrick Hurley from Bon Vivant Educational Tours will be in to complete the presentation.

Any questions or concerns; please direct them to Madame Murrant erin.murrant@nbed.nb.ca

Hot lunch:

Monday – Pasta with alfredo sauce this will be served with a side of fruit and vegetables.

Wednesday – Baked chicken poppers and parmesan sticks, served with fruit and vegetables.

Friday – Cheese Pizza with fruit and vegetables.

All hot lunch meals are \$3.00 each.

If there are families who still have not had the opportunity to pay their student fee, it would be very much appreciated. Student fees covers, agendas, locks, co-curricular class trips, guest speakers and presentations. You can certainly make your payment on <https://asds.schoolcashionline.com/>

The month of December is going to be a very busy 3 weeks until the break for the holidays.

Please ensure your child attends school on a daily basis in order to learn. It will be regular classes up until the 20th of December at which time we celebrate with our generosity of organizing a “Dodge Hunger” tournament in order for our students and staff to be generous and give to the West Side Food Bank.

On Monday, December 3rd all classes will be changing their Specialty class. It will be a rotation of Music, Art and Technology.

The week of **December 3rd – 7th** we will have the **Ring A Bell Campaign**. This is to support the province’s commitment to raise awareness and increase education to inspire youth, family and communities to take positive actions in support of children’s mental health. We will be ringing bells for one minute on Friday, December 7th at 12:00 noon.

On Tuesday, **December 4th** we have our grade 7 Entrepreneurial show in the gym.

On Wednesday, **December 5th** we have an Inspirational speaker, Mr. Alex Chisholm Guibault coming to present to all of our students and staff in the gymnasium.

On Thursday, December 6th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) The Parent School Support Committees of the four Saint John area high schools are pleased to present: It takes a Village to Raise a Teen: Content and Risky Behaviours is an informative presentation for parents of youth in the era of social media and electronic devices. This presentation will take place at Saint John High School, 200 Prince William Street, Saint John.

Guest Speakers:

Shara Munn – New Brunswick Crown Prosecutor

Cst. Duane Squires – Saint John Police Force, Crime Reduction

Todd Farrell – Nurse Practitioner, Horizon Sexual Health Program

For more information please contact at : sj.takesavillage@gmail.com

Thursday, **December 13th** is the Christmas Dance from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 at the door.

The week of **December 17th – 21st** is Winter Carnival week.

December 20th – Dodge Hunger Newcomb Ball Tournament.

December 21st - Last Day of First Term – this is a full day of school.

Athletics and Activities

We appreciate all donations to our Best Buddies group who has adopted a local family of three to support over the holidays. This family is a mom, with a teenage daughter and a 12 year old boy. Best Buddies meet in the Games room on Mondays at lunch. This group is working very hard to ensure that this family has an enjoyable holiday.

S.R.C. meet on Monday after school. This group is very busy with organizing for Winter Carnival and the dance. They also plan to have a breakfast for all students and staff on Friday, December 21st.

G.S.A. meet on Tuesday at lunch.

The WE group meet on Thursday at lunch. This group are selling Rafiki bracelets at lunch for \$10.00. Rafiki means friend. Rafiki bracelets are inspired by Maasi beading traditions in Kenya, handmade with love by women who are working toward a brighter future. The bracelets are available in a wide range of colors. They make a wonderful gift for anyone. Please take the opportunity to purchase a Rafiki bracelet from our We group at lunch for \$10.00 tax free.

The WE group with the support of S.R.C. and the rest of Barnhill School is organizing a “**Dodge Hunger**” campaign. The students and staff will be creating teams to play Newcomb ball in a tournament on December 20th, with the finals being December 21st. All individual players on the team are to donate \$3.00 or three non-perishable food items. We donate the money and the food to the West Side Food Bank.

We ask students to always listen to announcements in the morning this will help everyone to know what is going on in their school. The announcements are also posted daily on our website.

Barnhill Memorial School will be hosting “Badminton Zones” on Monday, December 3rd, Tuesday, December 4th and Wednesday, December 5th. The zones will start after school and will not be completed until 7:00 p.m.

Practices for the musical “Treasure Island” will be conducted this week, again please listen to the announcements.

Basketball try-outs will be the week of December 10th – 15th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 658-5971 or jill.ferguson@nbed.nb.ca

Thank you.

Ms. Jill Ferguson

“The only things standing between you and the compassionate, wise, and creative person you want to be are matters of choice. Your choice. No one can occupy your generosity except you.” ~ Gary Zukav ~